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College trustees drop district levy

Trustees of the Jasper County Junior College District voted unanimously Tuesday to discontinue a five cent tax levy which they had approved on July 25.

Elvin Ummel, vice president of the Board of Trustees, presided in the absence of Fred G. Hughes, president. After calling the meeting to order Ummel turned the floor over to Dr. Julio Leon, College president.

"Over the years the Board of Trustees of the Jasper County Junior College District has attempted to fill its duty towards the College and its taxpayers in a manner consistent with its legal authority and the welfare of this institution and the area students it educates," read Dr. Leon in a prepared statement.

He went on to explain how "good fiscal management, effective investment actions and high rates of return" had allowed the Board to phase gradually the original tax levy each year and still accumulate enough funds to retire the bonds at the time they came due.

Leon further stated that the Attorney General of Missouri felt the legality of the levy "could be subject to challenge" and "...since we are in the supervision of the State, I recommend that the Board yield to the Attorney General's feelings on the matter and let the five cent levy be dropped." Jerry E. Wells, trustee and Board of Regents president, then addressed the board. Wells spoke of two alternatives which the Board had considered before deciding that foregoing the levy would

be the best solution.

One idea would be to let the Attorney General's suggestion to review the situation stand and the Board review, but maintain the tax levy. Another thought, he said, would be to submit the proposal to the voters for an advisory opinion, but that would have been nearly impossible since yesterday was the last day to submit changes to the county tax assessors.

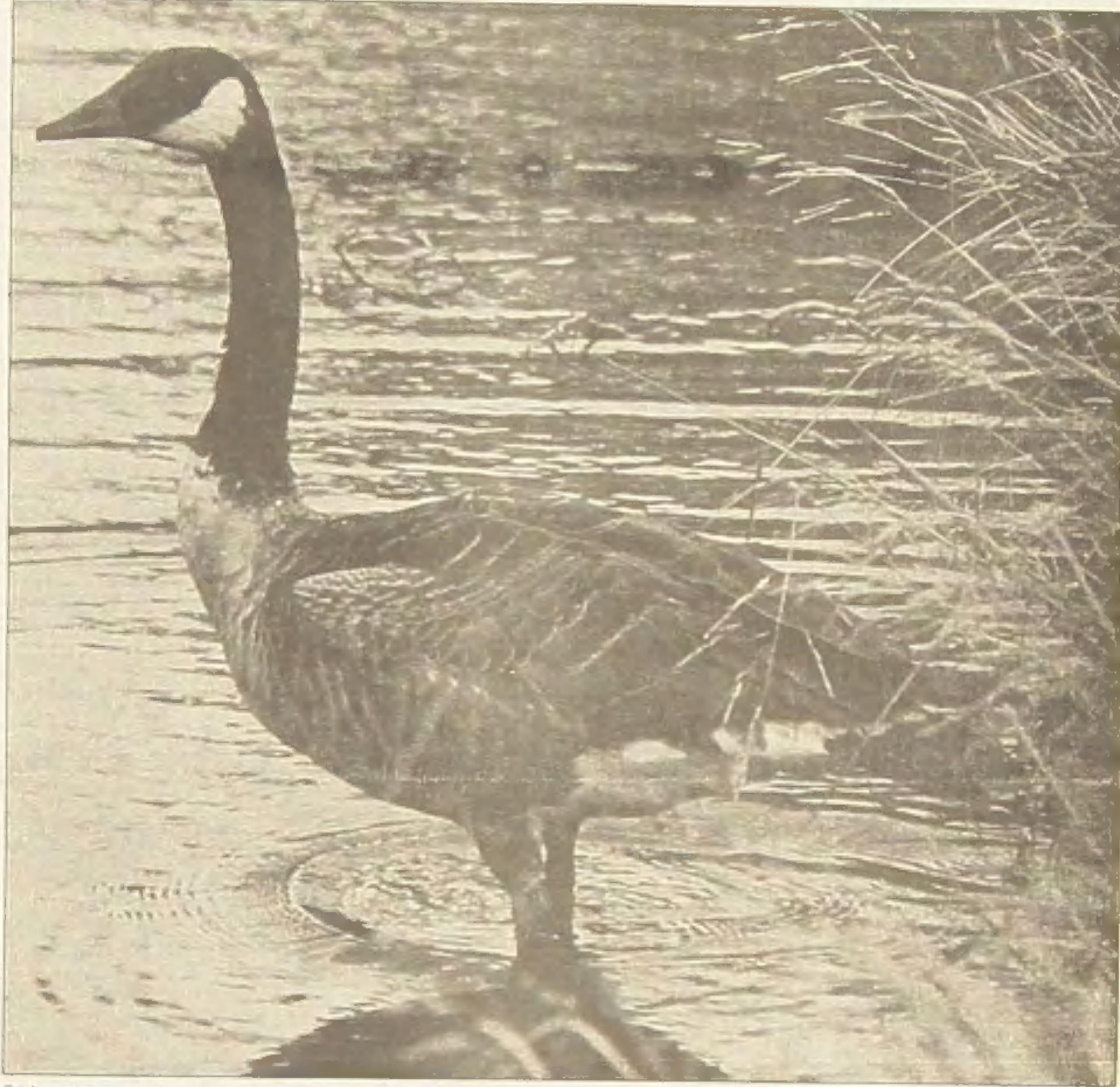
Wells emphasized that "nothing improper had been done." But he explained the decision in terms of dropping the levy and maintaining the confidence of citizens or keeping the levy and possibly losing that confidence.

According to President Leon, the accumulated funds will be used to pay off the principal and interest of the bonds. The amount left over "in the neighborhood of \$1 million" will then go into the college building, maintenance, and repair funds.

President Leon described the Board's action as "a responsible way to act." He also felt Wells described the situation best when he said the Board must not only be "doing the right thing, but you must also appear to be doing the right thing."

This is the thought that all individuals concerned expressed at the meeting. "The good relations that the College has enjoyed over the years with its constituents need not be jeopardized," explained Wells.

"It really is not worth it," said Leon concerning the possible retention of the levy.



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A Canadian goose visits Missouri Southern's biology pond for a dip in the waters.

Shipman outlines four solutions to campus telephone problems

Persons trying to telephone into the college from off campus may, as suggested in a recent newspaper comment, experience some problems.

The main operator, SuAn Reynolds, has "tied up" answering questions, giving directions, and placing long distance calls for campus personnel, said Dr. Paul Shipman, vice president of business affairs.

In an effort to relieve some of the problems with the current switchboard operator, Shipman explained four possible solutions. "First, direct inward dialing for use offices. But this is an added expense, he said.

Secondly, we could add a second switchboard and operator. This would be a sizable cost for board and labor per person.

Thirdly, providing credit cards to people making third party calls. Phone companies need verification when making third party calls thus forcing us into the credit card business.

Finally, the incoming WATS line is set up for recruitment purposes. It is intended to go to recruitment and admissions. It has been abused; instances have been proven. We could take the WATS line off the switchboard and put it in as a direct inward dial number. We could go back to

its intended purpose. Some colleges have done away with it.

"There is a problem there, we recognize it, but we haven't decided what to do yet," Shipman said.

During the month of May, the WATS line alone had a phone bill of \$1,919. In June it was cut down to \$1,500. Each minute used on the WATS line costs the college approximately 33 cents.

Questions from callers also pose another problem. Persons will call and ask the operator how to get here from Tulsa or some place. This detracts her from answering the 14 other incoming lines available.

Dr. Shipman explained a possible solution for this problem. "We could send inquiries to another office; but people think they are too busy to do this."

Another idea is to bypass the operator on all outgoing interstate long distance calls. Faculty and staff could then call all over Missouri by dialing directly from their office.

"We have a good system. We need to improve it, not replace it," said Shipman. "There are all sorts of things we could do with this; it is not out of date technologically."

Sometimes the phone will ring continuously "like no one is home", but the operator is just answering other lines. According to Shipman, "I don't know why we don't get a busy signal. We talked to the telephone company and they say they can't correct it. This was a while ago and since then they might have found a way."

Shipman said that Southern could go out and buy a new system but economically it would not be feasible. When this system was installed almost five years ago, he said, the installation cost was paid for in one lump sum. When a company comes to give a cost estimate for a new system, the projections are higher than they are for the present one, Shipman added.

"Other companies cannot compete because we have no monthly installation payment," said Shipman. "But rising costs will catch up with us before long."

Shipman summed up the alternatives: "We are not critical of our operator. She needs some help and relief. We need to stay with recruitment on WATS or get rid of it, and finally, we are going to have to decide what we'll do and make sure we have the money."

Shaila Aery makes two requests for reviews

Dr. Shaila Aery, Missouri Commissioner of Higher Education, has requested from presidents and chancellors of state institutions the names of two persons from each to serve on the statewide committee which will conduct existing program reviews. In addition, Dr. Aery has asked the regents to identify 20 percent of their programs for institutional review.

Both of these requests are to be fulfilled by Monday, Oct. 10.

Deputy Commissioner Stephen Dougherty has asked that chief academic officers from the state colleges and universities meet with him the first week in October to discuss the criteria which should be used to review programs on the institutional level.

"The vice president [Dr. Floyd Balk] is working on those two items now."

said Dr. Julio Leon, Missouri Southern president.

Leon explained that the schedule for reviewing the college's programs over a five year period should be established by the same date.

These actions follow the decisions made by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education at its Sept. 10 meeting in Columbia.

News in Brief Haderlein to discuss report

Dr. Robert Haderlein of Girard, Kan., who served on the National Commission on Excellence in Education, will speak on campus at 7:30 p.m. next Thursday.

Sponsored by the Joplin chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, Dr. Haderlein will speak in the Keystone Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center. He will discuss the Commission's controversial report, "The Nation at Risk."

Immediate past president of the National School Boards Association, Haderlein is much in demand

Japanese firm to hire Missouri teachers

Missouri-educated teachers will have an opportunity to educate foreign students in positions in Japan, explained Nancy Vessel, spokesperson for Gov. Christopher Bond's office.

Monday the Missouri office in Tokyo confirmed that the Chuo Tsushin Aid Company, Ltd. will be hiring 30 to 50 Missouri-educated teachers for next year.

According to Vessel the following qualifications must be met: U.S. citizenship, Missouri residency, and a four-year degree in education or a four year degree with an emphasis in education from a Missouri college or

as a speaker.

In the report from the Commission, it was recommended that schools, colleges, and universities should adopt more rigorous standards and higher expectations for academic performance and student conduct. In addition, the Commission recommended that teacher candidates should be required to meet higher educational standards.

Phi Delta Kappa has invited all area educators and citizens to attend the session with Dr. Haderlein.

university or a Missouri-affiliated institution.

In the future 300 Missouri-educated teachers may also be employed by the Chuo Tsushin Aid Company, Ltd. Any further information on future employment possibilities will come through Missouri universities and colleges and the Commissioner of Higher Education, Dr. Shaila Aery.

Any teachers interested in submitting an application should contact: Missouri's International Business Office, P.O. Box 118, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Lions ranked No. 5 in NAIA football poll

Missouri Southern's football Lions are ranked fifth in the latest National Association of Inter-collegiate Athletics poll.

Coach Jim Frazier's Lions, now 3-0, were tied for fifth in last week's ratings.

Fort Hays State University jumped to the No. 10 position in the poll. Pittsburg State University fell

to No. 13 following a 17-14 defeat Saturday to the University of Missouri-Rolla.

Southern, Fort Hays State, and Pittsburg State are members of the Central States Intercollegiate Conference. Washburn University, another member of the CSIC, received votes in the poll, but was not ranked in the top 20.

Telecommunications Consortium to examine telephone problems

Because the communication industry has experienced more technological advances in the past five years than at any other time in history, a statewide college and university Consortium on Telecommunications has been established by the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

That Consortium has its first meeting Wednesday in Jefferson City, and the agenda for the scheduled four-hour session deals with long-range goals for the group with immediate attention to be given to telephone problems which exist at most of the state institutions.

Dr. Shaila Aery, commissioner for higher education, states that "at the same time these technological advances have occurred they have encouraged or have been accompanied by actions to deregulate the communications industry."

"These actions," she says, "and the application of new technology are making it increasingly more complex and expensive for the State to meet basic communication service needs."

A state-wide steering committee was established earlier by the CBHE, and the CBHE has determined that it will include in its Fiscal Year 1985 budget recommendations a special policy fac-

tor to address anticipated major increases in telecommunication costs and advancements.

Dr. Aery said, "Since the colleges and universities have somewhat common requirements and problems, it is suggested that they form a consortium for the exchange of information and the development of a unified approach to telecommunication management."

With nominations from the presidents of the various institutions, Dr. Aery then appointed the members of the consortium. Representing Missouri Southern will be Richard W. Massa, head of the communications department.

"The task facing the consortium is a major one," said Massa. "Not many persons who are not involved with the communication industry are aware of the complexity of the term telecommunications itself."

The consortium, for example, is concerned with telephone service, with electronic mail, with data processing, with audio-conferencing and teleconferencing, as well as with what most people first think of—radio and television broadcasting."

The steering committee this summer established a technical subcommittee consisting of technicians to provide

support on data communications issues.

The steering committee addressed the fact that state agencies have sizeable internal communication problems unique to their own environments, and particularly do colleges and universities appear to have internal communication problems and well as external communication problems. These must be dealt with, said the steering committee.

For the first year of the consortium, the major goal should be the development, documentation and adoption of a long-range communications directive for the state. But the simply stated goal, according to Massa, is "to determine the most cost effective and efficient means for the state colleges and universities to provide communication services within, among, and between themselves."

"The steering committee will be working on a plan for the entire state government," he said. "The consortium will be working to coordinate its activities within that plan. It will eventually lead to the establishment of local planning committees, that is, a planning committee on each college or university campus."

"Right now, colleges and universi-

ties are being asked to withhold some independent actions, if possible, so that a determination can be made on the impact to the overall plan to emerge."

Although the Coordinating Board has been the agency working on the problems of higher education, the work of the steering committee and of the consortium will be in cooperation with the Office of Administration, Division of EDP (Electronic Data Processing) Coordination.

"Telecommunications management is a major new thrust right now," said Massa. "Many organizations have permitted the individual phases of telecommunications to evolve and develop alone. Now coordination is desperately needed; abilities of new machines and new technologies overlap, often, and needless expense occurs through the lack of central management."

"Essentially, that's what the consortium is about—to bring about efficiency in operation and to be able to serve all the communications needs of the members of each organization, be it a school, a college, a university, or a state agency, and to do so at minimum cost."

English faculty to present writing colloquium

Area high school English teachers will be on campus 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday in the Student Center's Connor Ballroom for a colloquium hosted by Southern's English faculty.

The project focuses on the teaching of writing by sharing methods and developing new techniques to help students improve their writing skills. Composing, editing, revising, and

marking and evaluating student writing will be discussed.

"This program is part of our ongoing effort to meet the needs of the people in the communities we serve," said Dr. Stephen Gale, English department head.

Gale commented on several national reports on the decline of language and writing skills. He said, "We want the

communities to know that we are concerned and have been working with our colleagues in high schools for several years to help solve some of the problems."

According to David Ackiss, assistant professor of English and coordinator of the colloquium, the recent report from the National Commission on Excellence in Education has stirred

public reaction and concern about the quality of education.

"We as teachers have been aware of the growing crisis for years," he said, "and hope that through this colloquium we can continue to address some of the problems and share some of the solutions relevant to our students on both the high school and college level."

Sophomore Kren is a student secretary in science and math department, struggling inside Reynolds Hall.

Tutor service listed in hall

Students seeking a tutor or to provide tutoring services are invited to consult the bulletin board in the lower level of Hearns across from academic services.

Cards for posting are available in academic secretary's desk.

Since Missouri Southern does not have a formal tutoring program available to all students, utilizing bulletin board is recommended.

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Southern freshman gets firsthand view of pageant

Kari Enos

Millions of Americans switched on their television sets and anchored themselves to their recliners Saturday evening, Sept. 17. Hypnotically they followed 31 beautiful women competing for the prize of a 55 year-old American institution. As the program's end drew near, these Americans hovered on the edge of their seats in suspense, awaiting the crowning of the 1984 Miss America.

Eighteen year-old Kelly Thayer is the 1983 Miss Twin Counties, and a freshman at Southern. She had the extraordinary opportunity of viewing the event from the same auditorium where the 1984 Miss America was crowned.

Because Thayer has competed in two beauty pageants herself—Miss Twin Counties and Miss Missouri—she is able to describe the event with a sensitive, trained eye.

Thayer arrived in Atlantic City, N.J., Friday afternoon, and caught some of the preliminary performances such as the swim suit, evening gown and talent competitions.

But the high point of Thayer's trip is, of course, the televised finals

Saturday night.

Miss Twin Counties described the atmosphere of the pageant. "It was outrageous. There was a lot of tension, and excitement. There were a lot of beautiful people, and beautiful clothes. There were also a lot of influential people and celebrities," Thayer added. "I got to meet a few former Miss Americas such as Mary Ann Mobley and Dorothy Benham."

But as Thayer pointed out, television viewers may have taken in the sight of former pageant winners and celebrities, but they could not see the brilliance of the bright lights and glittering gowns.

Most people who watch the pageant will also never feel the nervousness and tension of vying for the Miss America title.

Thayer says empathically, "It's unbelievable the confidence they must have to walk out on stage in a swim suit, when they know a lot of people are just picking them apart."

The road to that stage cultivates an attitude that would surprise most people. "It's really a business. Just preparing for a pageant is extraordinary. But once you are Miss

America, you're set for life. You are always known as Miss America. You meet lots of important people, and make valuable connections."

Under Thayer's philosophy, then Vanessa Williams, the first black Miss America, is "set for life". Williams received a \$25,000 worth of personal appearances, among other gifts.

Such gifts have never before been given to a black woman in the pageant, so there is an understandably overzealous attitude surrounding this year's pageant.

Moments after Williams was crowned, Thayer witnessed an incident that exemplified this attitude.

A couple of black children, who, before the outcome had gone virtually unnoticed, were suddenly seized by reporters to describe their feelings toward the result. Thayer said one of their first replies was, "We're the neighbors."

Some pageant goers held less than enthusiastic feelings about the outcome.

"Some people were prejudiced, and didn't even go to the ball afterward."

In Thayer's opinion though, "It was obvious she was the best."

Class constructs campus model

Missouri Southern's campus is huge, compared to the small model displayed on the second floor of the Billingsly Student Center.

It was created by the industrial design and model building class last year.

The display is approximately 40 inches wide by 60 inches long. The outside frame is made of huckleberry wood. Small buildings are blocks of pine.

To shape the ground, the class covered a plaster model with gauze and then coated it with a thin layer of plaster.

Roads were made from balsa wood, trees dipped in rubber cement and

dyed, created the trees. Straight pins were bent to make the light poles.

"It was a class project and it cost approximately \$150, excluding labor," said Ron Morgan, assistant professor of drafting and design.

To begin their plans, the students borrowed drawings of the campus layout from Howard Dugan, director of the physical plant. Then pictures were taken to find where windows and doors were located.

"This helped us to represent the real look of each building," said Morgan.

Gwen Hunt, director of public information, also supplied them with pictures of the campus.

It took the class six weeks, five

hours per week, to complete the project. "Some students took materials home and worked," Morgan said.

Students in the class were: Jim Bentley, Gary Hutchinson, Jim McCracken, Steve Maddox, Jimmie Thomson, Mike Harris, John Johnson, Arnold Macio, and Brian Neely.

"There was a need on campus for a way to help people find their way around the college. It is a directory type layout," said Morgan.

"We would like to thank Howard Dugan and Gwen Hunt for their assistance. I hope the display stays around for a long time and we keep it updated."

Seminar to deal with sexual assault

Sexual assault will be the subject of a seminar sponsored by the Missouri Southern Police Academy next Wednesday and Thursday. The seminar speaker will be Jo Ann Coady, Southern graduate.

The first session will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, and the second session will be from 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday in the Billingsly Student Center.

Exploring various facets of sexual assault will be the major topic Coady will speak on.

The seminar is designed for members of police departments, family service and mental health organizations, and

hospital staff. Interested persons in the community are also invited. Fee for the seminar will be \$10.

Among the topics to be covered are legal definitions of sexual assault, motivation and profile of the offender, clinical and psycho-dynamics of rape, sexual abuse of children, investigation of sexual assault, prosecution of sex offenders, and prevention and intervention programs.

Coady received an associate degree in law enforcement and a bachelor's degree in sociology from Southern. She also holds a master of science degree in corrections and an educational

specialist degree in public services and criminal justice.

She is a member of the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault, the Johnson County Organization to Counter Sexual Assault, the Coordinated Organization to Counter Sexual Assault, the steering committee for the Johnson County OCSA, and she serves as a trainer for the Governor's Task Force on Rape Prevention.

Persons wishing further information concerning the seminar may contact the Department of Law Enforcement at 624-8100, ext. 302.

Rape prevention theme of session

Any students interested in rape prevention are invited to attend a Rape Prevention Seminar. It will be held Thursday, Oct. 13 in the Billingsly Student Center. The seminar is being sponsored by the Student Activities and Student Affairs Offices.

It is being presented in cooperation with the Joplin Police Department and Missouri Southern Security Department.

Two sessions will be scheduled. The first will be at 11 a.m. in the Connor Ballroom and at 7:30 p.m. in Building B of the dormitory apartments.

Included in the seminar is a film "How to Say No to A Rapist" and an informal question/answer session.

Sgt. Dale Owens of the Joplin Police Department and Wayne Johnston, director of security, will be in charge.

Leroy Wilson, Missouri Southern's bus driver, watches from the sidelines the Lions' football victory over Evangel College Saturday. Wilson, 49, has been employed by the college since 1979. He was a high school athlete at Carl Junction.

'On the Road Again' a reality for Wilson

By Jonathan Richardson

"On the Road Again" isn't just a song for Leroy Wilson, it's a way of life.

Wilson, Missouri Southern's bus driver, has been involved in traveling for over 31 years.

"I started in the Air Force in 1952," he said. "I was a crew chief and a supervisor of maintenance for flights."

With this position Wilson had the opportunity to fly around the world. These missions sometimes lasted from 30 days to nine months.

"There ain't too many countries I haven't been to," said Wilson with a grin. "I've been to Korea, Japan, Sweden, Cambodia... I preferred Spain for its pretty cathedrals and England for its greenness, the houses... and the interesting people."

"But there ain't nowhere like the good ol USA," he added.

After 23 years of military service, Wilson retired and joined a restaurant business. Dissatisfied with it, he started driving a truck for Tri-State until an injury caused him to quit. In 1979 Wilson was hired as the bus driver for Southern.

"I like the job because I enjoy watching the games, the different sports, and being with the kids," he said.

Born and reared in Carl Junction, Wilson, 49, was an athlete himself. He played high school football. Now, he is an avid follower of Southern's athletes.

"I like them and I hope they like me," the bus driver said. "Driving

isn't boring. The kids keep me interested. They're always talking about what happened during the game—their mistakes and then their good values."

During those late night hours on road trips, Wilson uses his CB to stay awake. "Sometimes just to talk to somebody is good enough to keep alert," he said.

Wilson believes the most important quality needed in a bus driver is the ability to drive defensively.

"I worry about the safety of the kids during the winter," he said. "You've got to compromise for the cold weather."

Although he has never been involved in a serious accident, Wilson remembers a few incidents that occurred while driving the Southern bus.

"A few years ago I was taking the basketball teams to Rolla," he said. "It was snowing and there was ice on the road. Near Duane we were forced to hit the median. Two days later we were stuck in a snowstorm in Wichita, Kan."

Wilson enjoys fishing, hunting, and watching slow pitch softball games involving players from Southern. However, leisure isn't his goal in life.

"I believe that a person should never quit learning," he said. "There are always new ideas about every type of job."

His wife, Achinee, is a native of Bangkok, Thailand. She lacks two semesters at Southern from receiving "one more" degree. The Wilsons have four children, all grown.

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EDITORIAL

Parking problem not too serious

Every semester brings new complaints about the parking space shortage on campus. Since a majority of students here commute, parking is a valid concern.

As all off-campus students know, arriving much after 8 a.m. usually means that finding an available space in the main lot is nearly impossible. However, that does not mean parking is unavailable.

Out of the nearly 2,500 spaces on campus, probably the least used parking area is the gravel lot south of the stadium. Yes, parking there would mean a little extra time walking across campus to classes. Probably not any longer than driving around looking for an empty space in the main lot that does not exist, though.

Larger schools have parking problems, too. Some of those schools solve the problem by not allowing parking on campus.

Solving the parking problem here does not appear likely in the near future, mostly because it is considered to be minor.

True, it is annoying to find a parking space taken up by one motorcycle. Motorcycles should be parked in designated areas.

True, it is tempting to pull into one of the vacant spaces reserved for faculty. There does seem to be an abundance of those. That is just asking for a ticket, though. If there are more reserved spaces allocated than faculty to park in them, perhaps some spaces could be released for general use.

As long as unused parking spaces exist, building additional lots will be out of the question. Parking is available. Just look around and be willing to walk a little farther to classes.

Review process to aid colleges

The Coordinating Board For Higher Education (CBHE) plans for statewide program review come at a critical period for public higher education.

Tightened state funding coupled with decreasing enrollments means that efficient use of allocated resources is crucial.

As proposed by CBHE, the review of existing programs involves consideration of twenty per cent of the programs of each institution by the institution.

All programs are to be reviewed within a five-year period.

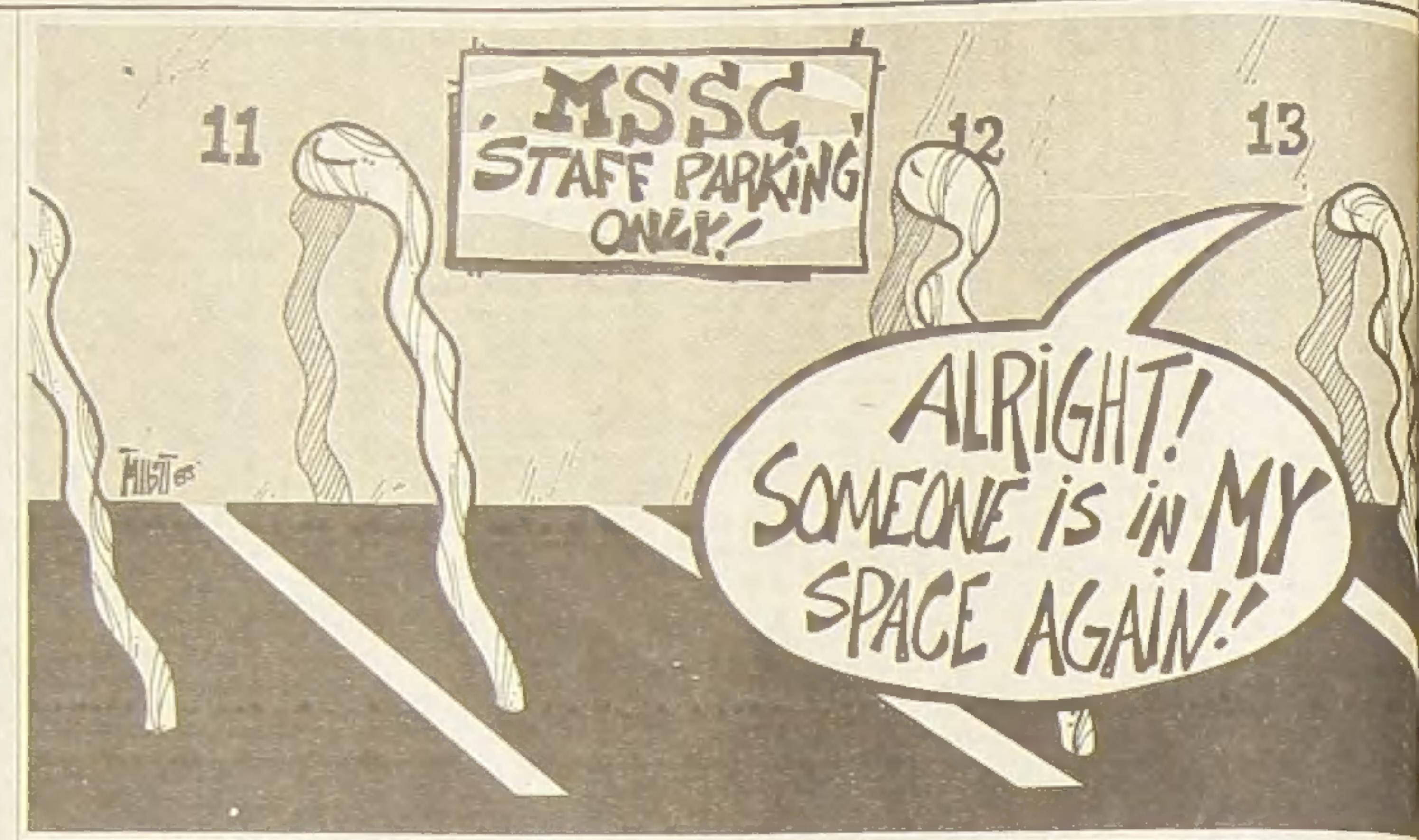
In addition, there would be a review of three to five programs from each school every year by the CBHE as recommended by the commissioner.

This method allows participation by each institution in the process of ensuring quality education under the state's present economic situation.

The review intends to assist in the clarification of mission statements, improve programs, and effectively allocate state funds for education.

Since the state's future economic status depends on quality education in needed areas, effective programming is essential. A statewide review process will ensure strong curriculums without unnecessary duplication of programs.

The review process should not be feared but rather encouraged and actively participated in by all institutions.



In Perspective:

College strives to meet education challenge

By Dr. Ed Merryman, Dean
School of Education and Psychology

In its recent report, the Commission on Excellence in Education recommended that schools, colleges, and universities adopt more rigorous and measurable standards and higher expectations for academic performance and student conduct, and four year institutions should raise admission requirements. The Commission further recommended that teacher candidates should be required to meet high educational standards, and demonstrate an aptitude for teaching competence in an academic discipline. According to the Commission, training programs (for teachers) should be judged by how well their graduates meet standards in teaching competence.

Many "teacher-education-watchers" breathed a sigh of relief when the Commission restrained itself and did not frontal attack practitioners in the public schools or professional education programs. Perhaps they felt that the popular press and "slick-backs" had already called enough attention to the teaching profession. While the Commission did not make recommendations or criticism beyond those mentioned above, for higher education and teacher education, what are some of the criticisms that are most often repeated in the news media and how do they relate to the teacher preparation program at Missouri Southern?

One of the most repeated criticisms is that the teaching profession is not attracting the brightest and most capable students. Nationally this is apparently true. SAT scores for students entering the teaching profession in 1978 were the second lowest scores by students indicating professional preferences during their freshman year. The data at Southern for high school graduates who are entering as freshmen and who have selected teaching as a vocational preference generally are below the new state requirement for admission to teacher education which is an ACT score of 18; however, a majority of the students in professional education at Southern do not come from this group of high school graduates but from a more mature population of students who had their education interrupted and now have returned to complete their degrees in education. The question that we may have to confront in the future is what will we do for candidates in teacher education when this population becomes exhausted? The

answer will have to come from the public sector and will have to include competitive pay incentives, professional respect, reasonable working conditions, and community support. Once this has been dealt with, and even before, schools of education must have attractive and effective programs in order to attract the capable student.

President Leon, in a recent challenge to the Administrative Council, encouraged those present to help establish scholarships for academic excellence as well as athletic prowess. How often do we hear of someone donating money ear-marked for a scholarship in teacher education? For some reason it doesn't have the same appeal to a potential donor as a scholarship in athletics or medicine. As pointed out by Missouri Commissioner of Education Mallory, the quality of education in a third grade classroom will have direct bearing on how well students can compete in later years in meeting their career goals. What could have more impact than establishing scholarships for bright students in teacher education?

Another criticism that is often leveled at professional education is that the programs are irrelevant and outdated. According to Joyce, et al, ("Reflections on Preservice Preparations: Impression from the National Survey," JTE, 1977, 28(5), 14-15) few schools avail themselves of interaction analysis, microteaching, videotaping, simulation, etc. in teacher education. This isn't true at MSSC. All of these are components in a highly articulated and organized junior-block. Southern, through the efforts of President Leon and the education faculty, are developing a computer laboratory for teaching prospective teachers how to use educational software in the public school classroom. Some of us become complacent with our programs and with changes that have been made in an orderly progressive fashion; however, when we review the literature in teacher education and when we compare notes with professional counterparts throughout the country, we find that what we consider as common-sense, isn't so common after all.

Teacher education faculty are often criticized as uncaring and out-of-touch with the real world of the classroom. One thing that I have learned about all of the faculty at Southern in general is that they do care—really care. If an education student has difficulty in a student teaching assignment, the whole education department is ready to help. If one of our

students is having trouble in biology or the instructor and/or the department may make arrangements to help the student. Students who enter our program as bachelor students and students who transfer from other colleges have remarked, in particular with their previous experiences concerned the MSSC faculty is.

All of us in teacher education run the risk of getting out-of-touch with the reality of the classroom. One way that one can avoid this is by getting into the schools as often as possible. This fall over half of the education faculty done inservice programs for the public schools and before the semester is over, all of the faculty will have worked in or visited in a public school classroom. During education week education faculty as well as faculty at the MSSC campus at large will exchange ideas with teachers in the public schools.

A criticism that does not appear in the media but one that appears in the professional literature is that schools of education fail to evaluate their program objectives through follow-up studies of their graduates. In this criticism was listed by NCATE as one of the most prominent reasons schools receive NCATE accreditation. We must, to a degree, yield to this criticism since we have had in this type of evaluation for four or five years. It is a valid criticism and one which we must take lightly. As a result of our NCATE evaluation we have reinstated this type of evaluation of our graduates.

In summary, we are not out of step with the Commission's report; however, there are a number of things that we must continue to do. We must continue to rely on our academic program in liberal arts (general education). We must prepare to offer alternatives by way of scholarships and strong programs if we are to attract the capable students to teacher education. We must continue to update our programs in professional education in order to keep them current and viable. We must continue to develop professionally the faculty by keeping abreast of pedagogical and technological advances. Severe teacher shortages have been predicted to occur within the decade (the 80's). If we continue to strive for excellence in teacher education at MSSC, only can we help meet the "Nation at Risk" crisis, but we will also be able to meet the challenge of teacher supply in the 80's. This is in our court.



College fathers do nothing about library theft problem

To the Editor:

The library is considered by many to be the most important facility on a college campus. From an instructor's point of view it should be the most valuable single resource. From a student's point of view it should be second only to good instructors. But a library is only as good as its contents. If the contents are stolen, the library loses a bit of its academic value with each article stolen. In fact, it depreciates.

The library at Missouri Southern is depreciating in a real sense to the tune of eight to ten thousand dollars a year, due to theft, yet our college fathers do nothing effective to try to end the problem. Sure, the library can use its available human resources and set up a "security check," but this is largely ineffective. It does little to stop the flow of stolen goods, since just about every book, magazine, tape or record can fit neatly inside a notebook, into a pocket, or book bag (it is very difficult to check every corner of a book bag). About all the check point does succeed in doing is embarrassing the library faculty and

staff and insulting the patrons.

A solution was presented to and approved by the college long ago, but no one seems to be able to find the money. It seems to me that before we spend money on our outward appearances (sidewalks, swimming pools, ball courts, vents, etc.), we need to improve our functional apparatus. The solution only costs thirty thousand dollars and would save its value in stolen goods in about four years. It is an electronic tagging device. Books and materials without the electronic tag removed would set off an alarm as they passed sensors placed at the library exits.

Things are stolen every day. Why won't the college put a stop to it? They raise a big fuss about a missing microcomputer, yet don't seem to care about far more valuable things stolen from the library. I, for one, would appreciate an answer to my question in this newspaper. I know others would, too. How about it, college fathers?

Sincerely,
Ben Leavens

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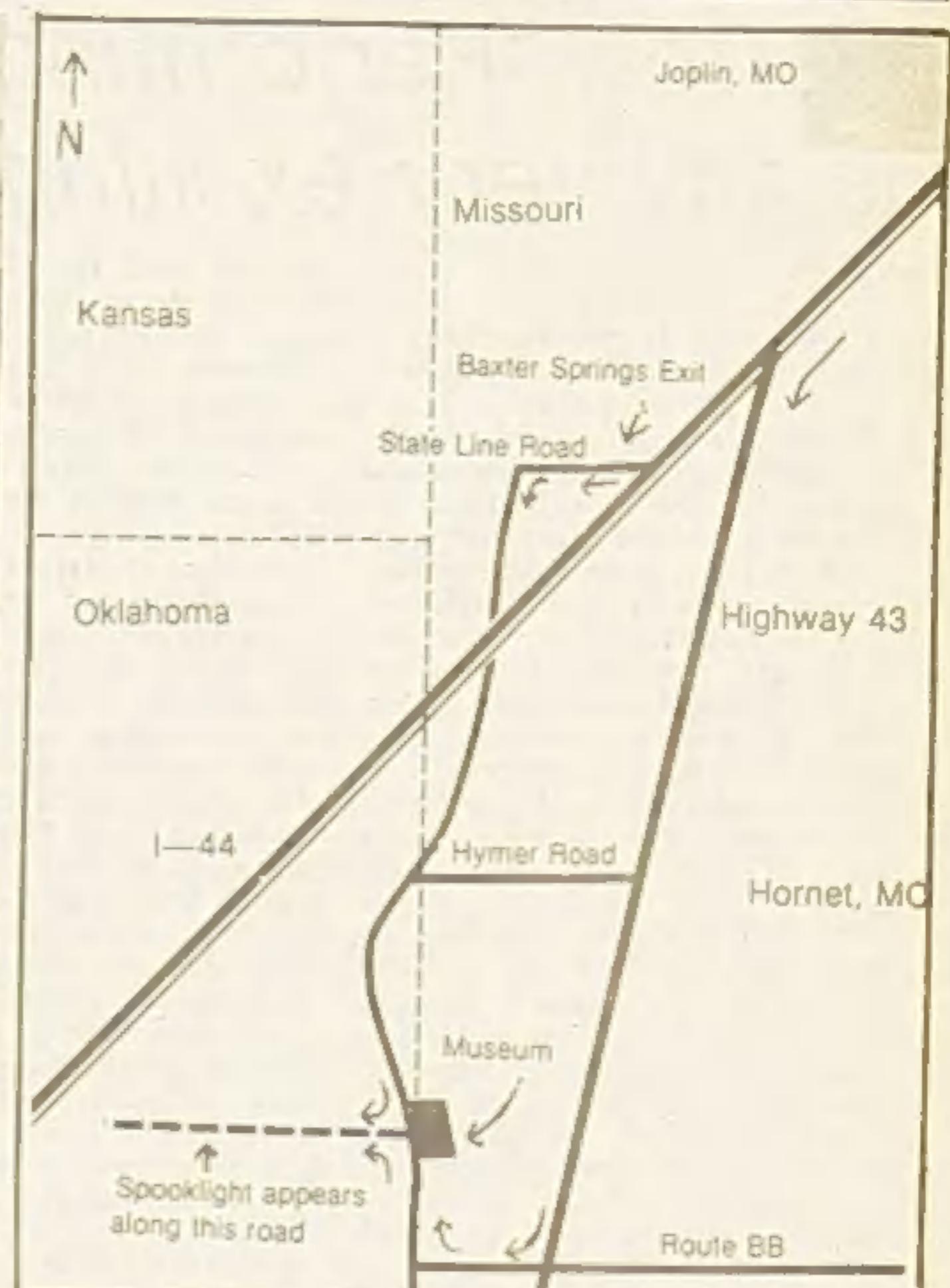
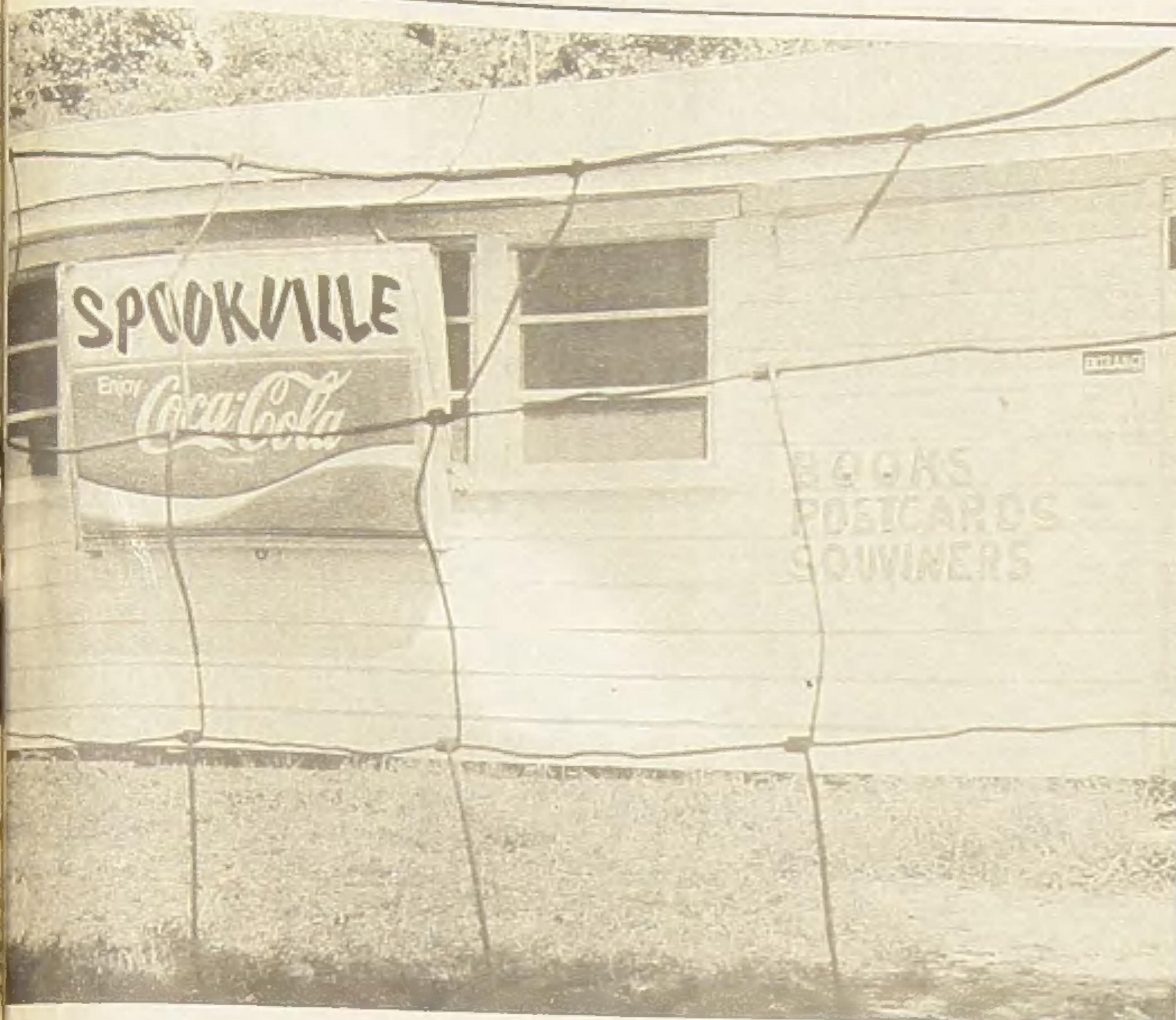
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MYSTERY



Left: The abandoned Spooklight Museum. Above: To find the light, drive west from Joplin on I-44, take the last exit (Baxter Springs) before the Oklahoma State Line. Go south on State Line Road (gravel) for four miles. Turn right at the museum.

Legends contribute to ghost light

In the area known as Devil's Plateau, a ghost light has been seen since the early 1880's. There are many legends concerning the Spooklight in this four-state area.

One legend is the Spooklight marks a spot where a group of Cherokee Indians, racked by hunger, disease and exhaustion were forced to sell their women into slavery near the end of the long "Trail of Tears" in 1836. The light serves as an eternal reminder of the cruelty and inhumanity of forced evacuation of Indians from their homeland, according to this legend.

Another common legend is that an old miner was carrying his lantern across the fields one night and disappeared. His lantern is said to cause the light.

Quapaw Indians tell of two runaway lovers. The father of the maiden used to be greedy and demand a large payment for his daughter's hand.

Unable to meet his demands, the brave ran away with the maiden to elope. Their absence was discovered and warriors pursued them. Knowing they would be captured and punished, the lovers committed suicide by leaping together from atop a high bluff overlooking Spring River. The spirits of the young lovers return nightly in the form of the light, says the legend.

Another mining story is set in the 1870 era. A miner's cabin was raided by Indians while he was in the mines. The children were kidnapped and he never saw them again. He took his lantern and began looking for them and he was never seen again. The light, in this legend, represents the lantern as he searches for his missing children.

In 1886 or earlier, the light created a panic in the village of Hornet. People abandoned their homesteads in terror of the ball of light that bounced over the hills and fields.

An Indian man and wife built their home in the area and their two little girls died there. They blamed it on the "evil light" and moved away.

In 1942, students from the University of Michigan camped for two weeks, testing and experimenting in the area. They shot at it with high-powered rifles when they could find no explanation. They came away with no answers.

During World War II, the U.S. Corps of Engineers spent weeks with scientific equipment in the area. They tested mineral deposits, highway routes, and every possible logical explanation as to why the light existed. They came away baffled.

A scientific safari from Shawnee Mission, Kans., high school stayed in the area for a few weeks in 1955. Equipped with cameras, electric measuring and communication equipment, they tested theories of minerals, atmospheric electricity, and car

lights and came home baffled.

At one time geologists theorized that the light might be an electric emanation from minerals beneath the ground. Others thought it was the luminous marsh gas or the phosphorescent "fox fire."

For Marion Sloan, assistant professor of physics at Southern, there are no ifs, ands, or buts about what the Spooklight is; he says it's headlights on Highway 169.

Sloan and a friend from Crowder College set out in 1970 to find the truth about the Hornet phenomenon. Armed with cameras and a telescope the team soon discovered that the light was headlights shining from I-44.

A Parkwood student proved this in the late 1960's, Sloan said, by focusing on the light with a telescope at night and leaving it there till the next morning. It had its lens set directly on the highway.

"People would rather believe crap than believe the truth," Sloan said. "It's human nature to believe in the supernatural."

Lately, nationally known scientists from the National Geographic Society, the University of Arkansas, the National Bureau of Standards and the North American UFO Organization have visited the area and not one came up with a logical answer for the existence of the light.

Last year, Foster Young published a magazine about the Spooklight called *Ozark Spooklight*. He and his wife have been interested in the subject for over three years.

"It's fun for people to go down to see it and wonder about it," Mrs. Rachel Young said.

In the future, Young Publications is going to revise the magazine and add to it more photographs and articles.

Spooklight entertains many generations

It's one o'clock in the morning. Several kids in a parked car begin driving down the desolate country road towards I-44. Suddenly an almost blinding light appears on the roadway ahead.

Could it be an oncoming car or motorcycle? Could it be a signal to stop? Is it a falling star? If the car is travelling on a country road near Hornet, Mo., chances are the light is the Ozark Spooklight.

Just what is the Spooklight? Many people wonder, but no one knows. The light appears nightly on a stretch of road near highway BB southwest of Joplin. Only appearing at night, the light bounces down the road, splits into different parts, changes colors, and cuts off into the woods.

The strange light first appeared in the 1880's. It has made appearances in the same general area almost nightly since that time. In these early times, the light often made appearances at several of the local residences.

Local residents either believe the Spooklight to be of a friendly nature, or don't believe in it at all. One local resident who chose not to be identified commented on the eerie light that appears nearby.

"I've lived here for 28 years and have never seen the Spooklight," the man said. "In my opinion the light is just an excuse kids use to come down Devil's Lane. They drink, take drugs, and beat up on each other."

As with the case of most natural phenomena, the Spooklight has been vitalized upon. An old man going by the name "Spooky" set up a primitive museum at an intersection near the Spooklight road. The museum boasted clippings and articles about the case of the light, and served as a treatment center for area thrill-seekers.

Later, the museum was sold to

Garland "Spooky" Middleton. He continued the tradition of entertaining Spooklight visitors with his wealth of stories and legends about the spooky light.

According to local residents, the museum was closed Aug. 31 for good. Spooky was unavailable for comment, but facts show that the vandalism and crime rate in the area has risen sharply in recent years, possibly contributing to the termination of the museum.

The light is supposedly afraid of light and loud noises. In the past few years property owners along Spooklight road have put up lights and fencing. Frequencies of appearance have declined steadily over the last two decades, verifying this claim.

The Spooklight was featured last year on an episode of NBC's *Real People*. The *Real People* team came down to the museum, interviewed Spooky, and actually filmed the light. The segment was aired with a fair amount of tongue-in-cheek comment, but the fact that the light was seen was stressed by the cast.

The Spooklight road has been abused in recent years. Beer cans and other trash litter the sides of the road, presenting an unpleasing sight.

Introduction of houses, additional roads, and increased traffic seem to threaten the Spooklight's existence. Recently people have attempted to propose ordinances banning further population of the area to insure that the road remains a true backwoods area. Nothing has resulted from these attempts.

The legacy of the Spooklight is and probably will always be unknown. What is known is that the light has amused and entertained people for generations, and despite the recent hype and publicity, it will probably continue to do so for generations to come.



Fullerton photos

A strange light is seen at the end of Devil's Plateau Road late Sunday night. The light was orange and changed into a white blue ball. Then it split in two, danced around, and disappeared into the night after a few minutes.

ARTS

Harrell: 'Performing is still very exciting'

By Nancy Putnam

Dr. Wayne A. Harrell, associate professor of music at Missouri Southern, practices what he teaches.

In his spare time Harrell plays in the Springfield Symphony Orchestra and the Central Plains Brass Quintet.

He has played the french horn most of his life and is in his sixth season of playing it for the Springfield orchestra.

Harrell said the orchestra is a total community involvement and that all of the 52 members are professionals. They do, however, receive a small remuneration for their services.

He rehearses with the orchestra every Tuesday and Thursday night and stresses the importance of these practices.

"In this profession you have to rehearse often, so you can continue growing and improving," he said. "Performing is still very exciting and continues to be so. Every performer should feel that way."

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra plays six paired concerts each year in addition to Christmas and summer performances with the Springfield Opera.

Harrell also practices two nights per week and presents concerts with his brass quintet, which he founded about four years ago with Robert Kehle of Pittsburg State University.

Harrell said that he and Kehle discussed the considerable need for a quintet of this type for the area.

"It was hard to find the caliber of professional musicians we wanted," said Harrell, "but we succeeded."

The quintet consists of professional musicians who are also educators in the Joplin area.

According to Harrell, the quintet's repertoire includes everything from light pop to serious classical music. He finds both types to be fulfilling.

A highlight of Harrell's career has been his meeting and working under some of the world's leading musicians.

He spent one summer at the Tanglewood Music Festival, the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. He also attended the Marlboro Music Festival and met Rudolf Serkin, a leading concert pianist.

Perhaps his greatest thrill came when he worked under the late Pierre Monteaux, whom Harrell describes as "one of the greatest symphony conductors of all time. I learned a great deal about his techniques, and to a beginning teacher, it was a very rewarding experience."

Harrell is a firm believer in doing the best that one can. He says, "Regardless of the task at hand, do the best possible job that you can do—whether it's a multitude of performances, teaching, or whatever."



Burke photo

Wayne Harrell checks a musical score during one of his frequent practice sessions. Harrell puts many long hours in preparing for both performing and teaching. He has worked under some of the world's leading musicians.

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Air Supply sets Oct. 26 date

"Air Supply" has been rescheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, in Joplin's Memorial Hall.

Campus Activities Board is sponsoring the concert, which was postponed due to the illness of one of the lead singers.

Tickets bought for the previous

date will be honored. Any ticket holder who cannot attend the concert may return tickets to Room 101 of the Billingsly Student Center for full refund.

There will still be a few \$15 tickets available in Room 101, BSC.

Pool tournament scheduled

Campus Activities Board will be sponsoring a school-wide pool tournament beginning Wednesday in the Lion's Den. The winners of each category will then challenge internationally known billiard and trick shot artist Jack White.

Entry forms for the pool tournament are available until 4 p.m. Monday, in Room 102 of Billingsly Student Center.

Pairings listed for the single elimination competition will be posted Tuesday in the Lion's Den.

Single elimination tournaments will end Thursday Oct. 13. The game to be

played is eightball, and the best two out of three in each match will be declared winner.

Prizes for first, second, and third place categories will be given.

White will play the winners of the tournament on Friday, Oct. 14.

White is a professional instructor of billiards, and was the first to introduce "Pocket Billiard Clinics." He has received several degrees in billiards, and has spent more than 20 years touring colleges and universities throughout the country.

Families are invited to come and watch White play pool.

Prints shown must be mounted or matted on white board. No unmounted prints, frames, glass, plastic or acetate will be accepted in the competition.

In order to qualify, prints must be on standard size boards. The boards can be eight inches by ten inches, 11 inches by 14 inches, 14 inches by 17 inches, 16 inches by 20 inches, or 20 inches by 24 inches.

There is a limit to four entries per

print.

All hand-delivered entries not picked up by Wednesday, Dec. 21 will be returned collect via parcel post or UPS on Friday, Jan. 6.

They will be handled with care and the center cannot be held liable for any loss or damage during transit.

Entries are subject to the possibility

of reproduction by the art center for publicity purposes.

Participants in the exhibition are encouraged to sell their works. The art center will retain 25 per cent for commission on any sales resulting from the exhibition.

Juror for this contest is Keith Davis, curator of the Hallmark collection in Kansas City.

There will be awards of \$400, \$200,

and four \$100 given, plus six honorable mentions.

Each entrant will receive a complimentary copy of a printed catalog of the show. Included in this catalog, will be reproductions of the 12 award winning images. Additional catalogues may be ordered for \$2.50 each.

Campus Activity Board is sponsoring a trip to the Kansas City Chiefs-St. Louis Cardinals football game, Sunday, Oct. 2 in Kansas City.

Tickets for the game are \$12. This

covers the price of the game and the bus fare. There are 46 tickets available.

Tickets may be purchased in Room 102 of Billingsly Student Center.

Departure time is set for 10

leaving from the Police Academy

garage lot. Game time is scheduled for 10 p.m.

Activities Board schedules aerobics classes

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

run from 12 to 12:30. Tuesday and

Thursday classes are set up for 12:

15.

There is a \$5 charge for the class.

Class space will be limited. Any-

interested needs to sign up in Room

100 of the BSC.

These classes are open to all.

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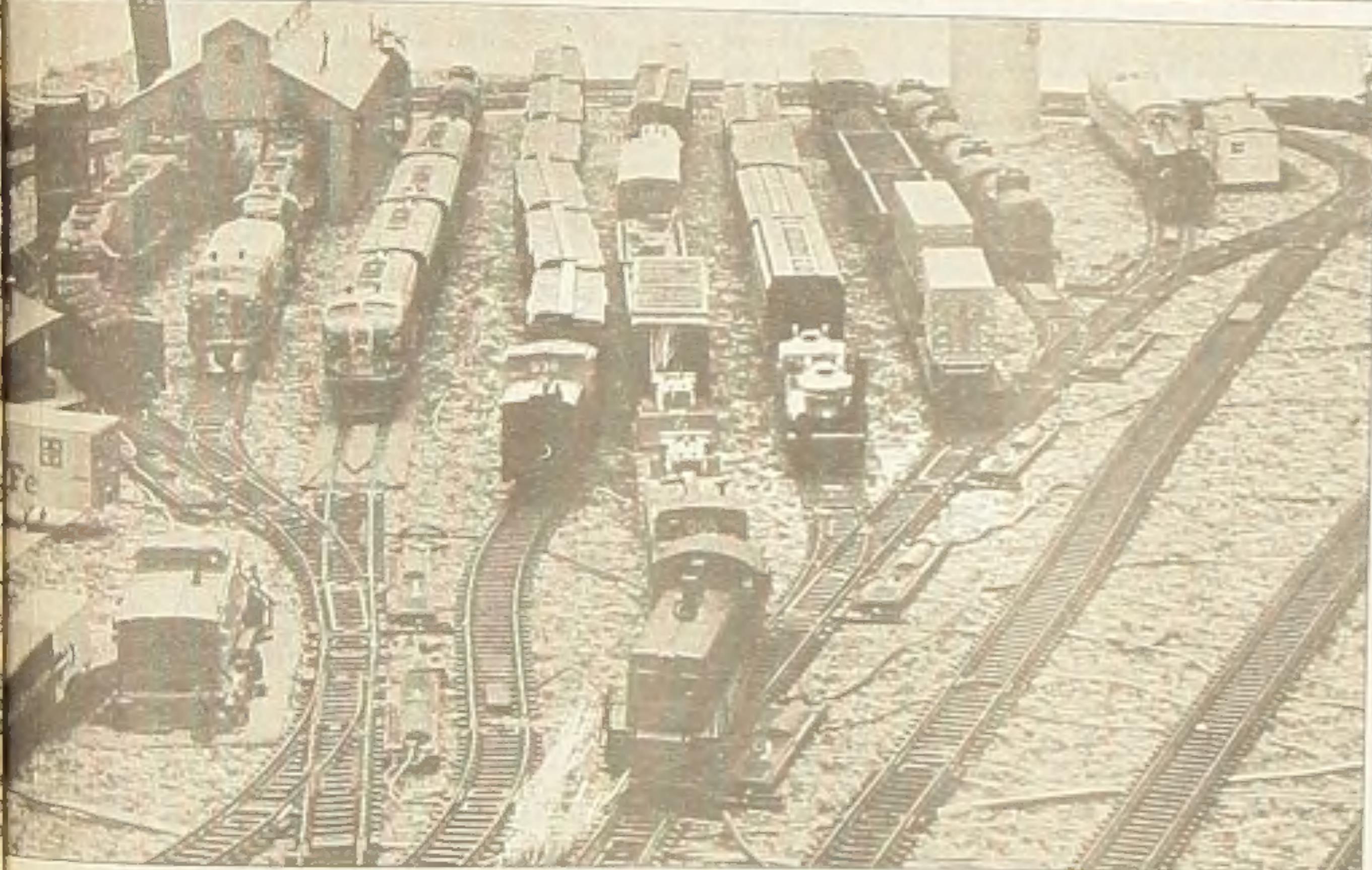
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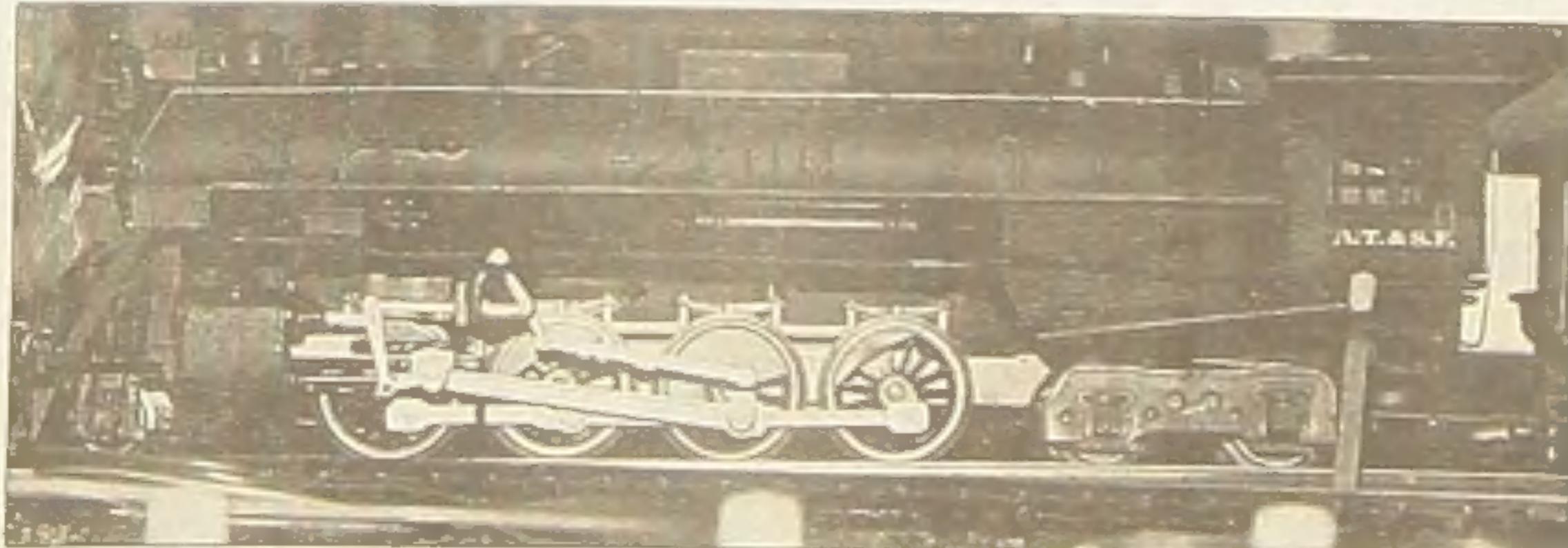
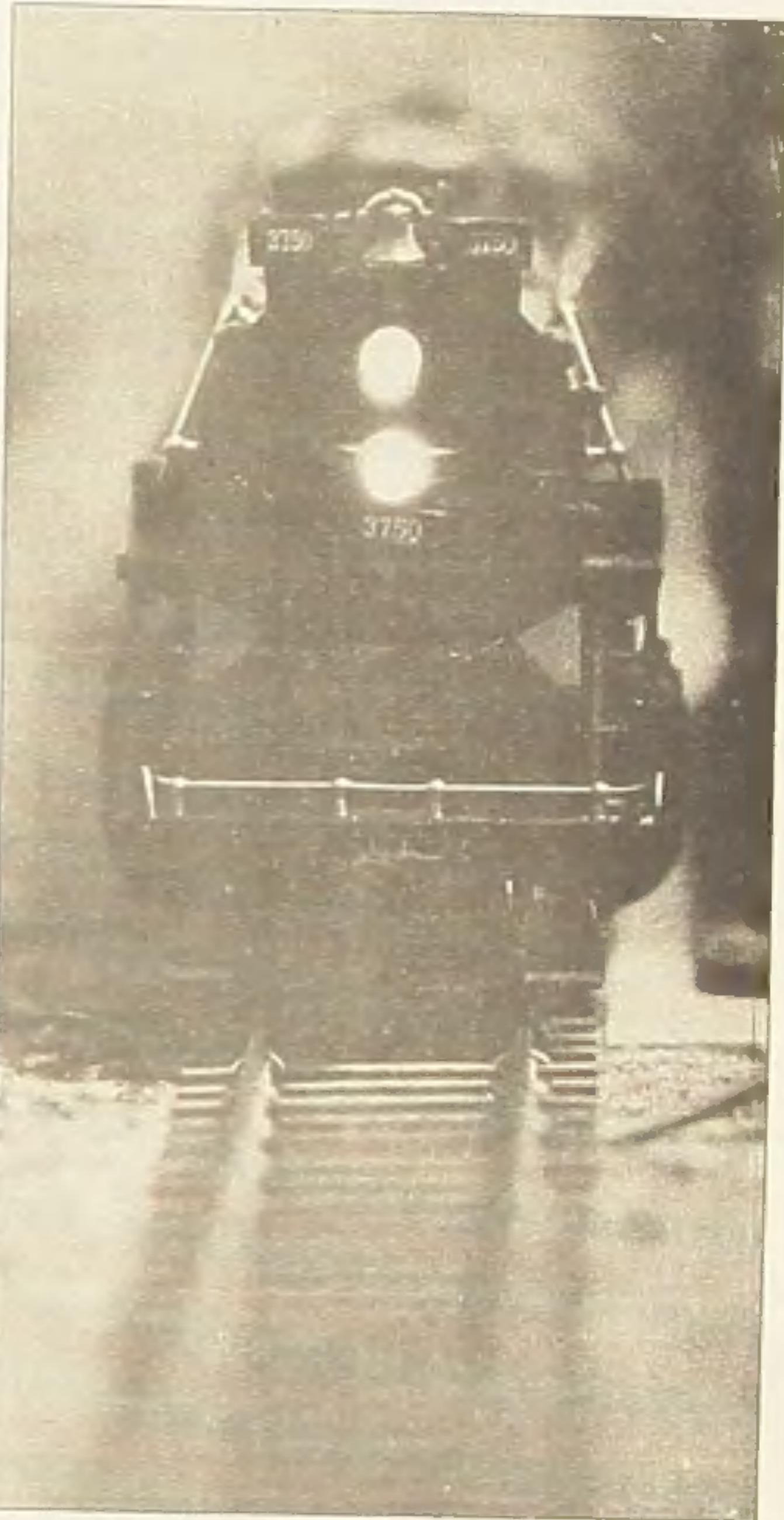
FEATURES



(Clockwise from top) Ron Morgan brings his Rio Grande Zephyr out for display. An Alchison, Topeka & Santa Fe 2-8-4 Berkshire engine highballs down the main line with its headlight gleaming. The match stick shows the size of this HO scale model of a Berkshire engine. Morgan sets up a grainery scene, part of the railyard in his apartment.



Model Trains: 'Not just for kids'



Model trains are not just for kids, says Ronald Morgan, assistant professor of drafting and design at Missouri Southern.

"But many adults are what you might call 'closet modelers' because of that connotation," said Morgan.

Morgan said there are "more of us around than anyone would think. People are sometimes reluctant to tell anyone about their model train hobby because they don't want to be kidded about it."

Model railroading is a grown-up hobby. Nationally, the average age of enthusiasts is 35. While railroaders might be teased about "playing" with their trains, Morgan said "a true railroader will make it clear he does not play with his trains—he operates them."

Morgan still has the engine from his very first train, a Christmas gift he received when he was seven. Also in his collection are two layouts: one set up on the floor of his Joplin apartment, and the other at his home in Pittsburg, Kan. He has 35 to 40 steam and diesel engines with about 200 feet of track, plus

several hundred cars.

Most of Morgan's models come in kits which require varying degrees of assembly. A kit can range in price from \$25 for plastic models to \$1,000 for brass.

"I've been buying my own models since I was 12," he said, "and over the past 30 years I've probably spent at least \$3,000 to \$4,000 on my hobby."

Some people build models from scratch, using pieces of wood, plastic, and metal. Most modelers, however, buy kits at discount houses and hobby shops.

Putting together a kit can take as little as 15 minutes for a car, or several hours for a complete engine or elaborate scenery.

"The great thing about this hobby," Morgan said, "is that you can delve into more detail wherever you want—either the planning stages, operations, track work, scenery, or sound effects."

Morgan is a member of the Pittsburg Model Railroad Club in Pittsburg, Kan. The club has

about 10 members, including a history teacher, an auto body repairman, a telephone worker, and an anesthesiologist.

"Sometimes we have films from the Union Pacific or Missouri Pacific railroads," he said, "and sometimes we work on our models, set up, and operate them—or just talk about our hobby."

"I would like to find some people to form a group or club here," he added. "Anyone who might be interested—students, faculty, and local people—can contact me at my office."

Morgan not only builds and operates model trains, he helps run the real thing. For several years he has volunteered time during the summers to work as a brakeman on the Colorado Limited and the New Mexico Express, excursion trains that run between Antonito, Colo., and Chama, N.M.

"My grandfather was a locomotive engineer for the Frisco Railroad in this area," he said, "so I guess he should get the credit for my cinder blood."

by Pat Halverson
photos by A. John Baker

SPORTS



Grisham photo

Jo Anna Swearengin (No. 1) and Becky Gettemeier (No. 10) block a hit for Missouri Southern against School of the Ozarks in tournament action.

Spikers win pair in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD — Missouri Southern's Lady Lions defeated Drury College and Evangel College last night in volleyball action.

Coach Pat Lipira's club edged Evangel 15-11, 6-15, and 15-10, and beat Drury 15-10, 2-15, 15-6.

Drury downed Evangel 15-2, 9-15, and 15-11, in the third match of the night.

The team will be playing at its peak when spring tournaments roll around.

Phillips was the medalist in last year's conference tournament, qualifying him automatically for all-conference honors. Phillips was joined on the all-conference squad by Doug Harvey.

"This fall program is just a warm-up for the spring tournament," said Sohosky. "We have a two-day tournament in Little Rock, Ark., on Oct. 10-11. Then on Oct. 21, we will travel to Parkville to meet Park College."

The biggest tournament will be held Oct. 13 at Twin Hills Golf and Country Club in

It was the second time in four days that Southern defeated Drury. The Lady Lions prevailed over the Panthers during the championship game of the Missouri Southern Invitational.

Drury is coached by Barb Lawson, a former standout on Southern's athletic teams.

Joplin. A total of 10 teams will compete.

Many of the teams that the Lions will meet are NCAA Division I and II teams, but Sohosky feels the Lions are of the caliber to play well with those types of teams.

Last year the Lions won three tournaments and just missed the nationals by three shots. Sohosky's goal for this year is to not miss the nationals.

The following players make up the 1983-84 Lions golf team: Steve Kelly, Bruce Phillips, Doug Harvey, Mark Unger, Jim Unger, Kent Norris, Greg Norris, John Ford, Jim Fay, and Mike Harding.

For more information, contact coach Hal Bodon at (417) 833-2222.

Lion golfers place 6th at CMSU

Fore!! This term is common to all golfers and is in the air this fall as the Missouri Southern golf team hits the links.

Under the direction of Coach Randy Sohosky, the golfing Lions didn't fare too well in last week's tournament at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg.

"In the first tournament of the year," said Sohosky, "we finished 6th. Steve Kelly tied for second firing a 72. Our team score was 305, but we are a better team than that score would indicate."

Kelly, along with Bruce Phillips, Doug Harvey, and Mark Unger are returning lettermen and Sohosky feels the

Missouri Southern Invitational:

Lady Lions clip Drury for tournament title

By Jonathan Richardson

Southern's volleyball squad beat Drury in the final match Saturday to conquer the Missouri Southern Invitational tournament for the second consecutive year.

"I'm real pleased. We are off to a fantastic start," said head coach Pat Lipira. "I just hope we haven't peaked too soon. . . . We are 2-0 for tournament play and I can't be disappointed."

The Lady Lions turned back the Panthers of Drury 15-7, 15-1, 11-15, and 15-13 for the championship title.

"As a team, we made less mistakes than at the last tournament (PSU Invitational). I thought we were more consistent," Lipira said.

Lipira attributed the victories to the players. "We have a well-rounded group of athletes. All six players are skilled and can play well regardless of the rotation.

Tina Roberts, junior, was very effective in providing the offense in the final matches. Joann Swearengin, senior, also pulled through with some great serves," she added.

Southern topped Friday's pool play with a 6-0 record after defeating Evangel, Tulsa, and John Brown.

Southwest Baptist fell to Southern on Saturday, 17-15 and 15-10.

"We struggled with Southwest Baptist," said Lipira. "They played a different kind of volleyball—a slower pace. It threw our timing off."

In the semifinal match, the Lady Lions lost the first game to "tough" Northwest 6-15, but came back to win the next two games, 15-11 and 15-9.

"When we are losing I always ask them if they are satisfied with their performance," said Lipira. "I can't ask more of them

than that."

Lipira said that she blames for part of Southern's success.

"I made a mistake by in a wrong line-up," "That caused the two to be out of place. I was disappointed in myself. They knew it and I reacted, and in my played their best in all in that second

Lipira enjoys playing friendly confines of the Young Gymnasium.

"There is a nervous involved when playing is friends," she said. "However we have proven this week we can play well at home."

Southern will travel to Joseph this weekend to poria State, Missouri and Fort Hayes State in States Intercollegiate competition.

Rockhurst deals Southern first District 16 setback, 3-

By Traci Scott

Rockhurst dealt the soccer Lions their first NAIA District 16 loss Tuesday, 3-1, in Kansas City.

Although Rockhurst continued its history of victories over Southern, the Hawks did not dominate the game. Rockhurst is ranked No. 10 nationally in the NAIA.

"We beat them to the loose balls and marked real tight," said coach Hal Bodon. "Yes, the team was nervous going into the game. Rockhurst has an excellent club, and the fans can be intimidating."

The feeling among observers at the game was that Southern could play well and possibly beat the Hawks. The Kansas City Times reported Wednesday that the Lions were on top of the game just into the second half.

"Field conditions were a problem," said Bodon, "particularly the muddy, slippery footing around our goal area."

Rick Pierson, Southern's goalie, had problems gaining enough traction to stop Rockhurst's shots. The Lions had 10 shots on goal.

"Two of those attempts could have made the difference with

any luck," reflected Bodon.

A shot by Johnson crossed the crossbar, and an attempt by Bryson missed the goal.

Defense was just as good as Bodon. "They played the whole game."

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Rockhurst's coach, Tom Johnson, said that Southern's defense "wasn't the usual and-run Southern style."

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The Lions seek revenge against the University of Missouri today in a 3:30 p.m. game on the soccer field. The Miners beat Southern 4-1 last year.

"Rolla looks just like Rockhurst," said Bodon.

Doug Mitchell, a transfer from Tulsa, will see action for the first time in football. Mitchell was injured in the Alumni game.

The Lions will host rival Harris-Stowe at 1 p.m. Saturday. Southern travels to Park College Tuesday for another District 16 match.

Lions crush Evangel; prepare for Rangers

By Dave Griffith

"Southern is just a top-notch NAIA Division I team," said Dave Schroeder, Evangel head football coach, after watching the Lions pound his Crusaders 41-17 Saturday.

"We just got beat in the first half and never got on track until the second half," said Schroeder. "But even then Southern was too strong."

The Lions, who entered the game ranked No. 5 in the NAIA, rolled to a 28-3 halftime lead against Evangel, now 1-2. Southern has played a majority of the fourth quarter.

"We accomplished what we went into the game to do," said Southern coach Jim Frazier. "We had good interior line blocking and perimeter coverage. This is what we drilled on all week, and the line proved it could do the job."

Junior tailbacks Tom Laughlin and Harold Noirfalle combined for 318 yards rushing and five touchdowns. Both running backs are averaging over 100 yards rushing per game while splitting duty.

Rich Williams, a transfer from Southern Illinois University, saw action at quarterback for the Lions. Williams had been sidelined by an injury. Jeff Kilbane started as Southern's signal caller.

"I felt we functioned very well in the dual QB role," said Frazier. "Both Kilbane and Williams graded out very well. We got excellent play from Kelly Young, Greg Brown, and Billie Jack Smith, who graded out at 95 per cent."

"We had a tremendous opportunity

to do some personnel evaluations," added Frazier. "We got great play out of Rob Nolle and Jerry Jones."

If there was one negative factor in the victory, it was Southern's kicking game. The stiff wind in Springfield's John F. Kennedy Stadium hampered punter Marty Nagel and kicker Terry Dobbs.

"Our kicking game needs improvement," said Frazier. "We need those points and we'll work on that this week."

Southern's opponent Saturday night in Hughes Stadium will be Northwestern Oklahoma State University of Alva. The Rangers are currently 1-1, but have never defeated the Lions.

"Northwestern Oklahoma is a very physical, very aggressive football team," said Frazier. "They have a full stable of running backs and they come right at you."

"They'll have a new staff, with new skilled players," added Frazier. "Their overall team play will resemble that of Central Missouri State."

Frazier stresses preparation during daily practices to avoid upsets.

"Our schedule is such that on any given Saturday our opponent has the opportunity to take us if we are not prepared mentally and physically," he said.

Frazier said that he had ranked his Lions No. 5 in the NAIA poll last week, but that "the ranking won't really matter until after the Pittsburg State game. The team is really not that concerned with the rankings. They just want to play the game."



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Junior tailback Tom Laughlin (No. 43) gained 169 yards rushing against Evangel College Saturday.